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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6,7,11,12,14,17-20,23,24,26,27,30-32,36 and 37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6,7,11,12,14,17-20,23,24,26,27,30-32,36 and 37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 January 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 17-20, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,159,22 (Lebow).

The Examiner notes that the “cross-over structure” disclosed by Lebow has a length equal to the length of the conductor (63). The portion of the device outside of this length has no interconnections and thus is not construed as being part of the cross-over structure.

Lebow discloses, referring primarily to figures 7A-B, a cross-over structure of first and second separate elongate conductive interconnects, comprising: a first elongate conductive interconnect (30); a second elongate conductive interconnect comprising: a first conductive portion (30) separate from the first elongate conductive interconnect; a second conductive portion (28) separate from the first elongate conductive interconnect and the first conductive portion; and a third electro-deposited metal portion (62) interconnecting the first and second conductive portions; and first insulating material (50) between the first elongate conductive interconnect and the third electro-deposited metal portion of the second elongate interconnect; and a substrate (74), wherein the first insulating material and the third electro-deposited metal portion are positioned

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between the substrate and the first elongate conductive interconnect the second elongate conductive interconnect extends the length of the cross-over structure [claim 1], wherein the first and second elongate conductive interconnects are formed from electro-deposited metal [claim 2], having a first layer and a second layer, wherein the first elongate conductive interconnect occupies at least the first layer and the second elongate conductive interconnect occupies the first and second layers (as seen in figure 7A) [claim 6], wherein the first layer comprises at least a portion (30) of the first elongate conductive interconnect, the first conductive portion (30), the second conductive portion (28) and second insulating material (50) between the first metal portion and the first elongate conductive interconnect and between the second metal portion and the first elongate conductive interconnect and the second layer comprises first insulating material (50) adjacent at least a portion of the first elongate conductive interconnect, and the third interconnecting metal portion (62) [claim 7], wherein the first elongate conductive layer comprises electro-deposited metal [claim 11], wherein the first elongate conductive interconnect is formed from the same material as the first and second portions of the second conductive interconnect [claim 12], wherein the first and second conductive portions comprises electro-deposited metal and each extends in a second direction at an angle to the first direction of elongation of the first elongate conductive member [claim 14], wherein the third metal portion bridges the first insulating material [claim 17], wherein the third metal portion is encapsulated (70) and underlies the first insulating material [claim 18], having a substantially planar surface including substantially planar surface portions of the first and second conductive interconnects

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[claim 19], further comprising a substrate (72) and insulating adhesive material (72, col. 4, lines 20-30 and 55-65) between the substrate and the first and second conductive interconnects [claim 20].

Moreover, Lebow discloses, a cross-over structure of first and second conductive means, comprising: first conductive means (30); second conductive means comprising: a first conductive portion (30) separate from the first conductive means; a second conductive portion (28) separate from the first conductive means and the first conductive portion; and a third electro-deposited metal portion (62) interconnecting the first and second conductive portions; and first insulating means (50) for insulating the first conductive means from the second conductive means wherein the first insulating means directly contacts the third electro-deposited metal portion and the second conductive means extends lengthwise across the cross-over structure [claim 37].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 24, 26, 27, 30-32, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 24 recites the limitation "the integrated circuit structure" in step "f)" of the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lebow in view of US 6,380,729 B1 (Smith).

Lebow discloses the claimed invention as described above except Lebow does not specifically state using the cross over of claim 1 in an active matrix display [claim 23]. However, it is well known in the art to use crossovers in an active matrix display as evidenced by Smith (col. 17, lines 45-65). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the crossovers of claim one as disclosed by Lebow in an active matrix display. The motivation for doing so would have been to allow for versatile circuit design without unwanted shorting.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 6 July 2009 with respect to claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 17-20, 23, and 37 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 17-20, Applicant alleges that the second elongate conductor in the device of Lebow does not traverse the entire length of the cross-over structure. However, as stated above, it is the Examiner's position that the "cross-over structure" is coincident with the length of said second elongate conductor. The portion of the device of Lebow that is outside of this length is extraneous to the purpose of providing a cross-over and thus would not be properly construed as part of the "cross-over structure".

Regarding claim 37, Applicant has alleged a similar argument as present with respect to claim 1 *et al* and is deficient for the reason stated above. Additionally, the amendment to claim 37 does not even require the second elongate conductor to extend the entire length of the "cross-over structure". Instead, claim 37 only limits the directionality of the second elongate conductor by stating "the second conductive means extends lengthwise across the cross-over structure". Thus Applicant is arguing a limitation not presented in the claim. Moreover, it is clear that the second elongate conductor of Lebow does indeed extend lengthwise across the cross-over structure.

Regarding claim 23, the Smith reference has only been provided in response to Applicant's allegation that active-matrix displays with cross-overs are not well-known in the art. The Examiner has only provided this reference at Applicant's request for

documentation of this fact that the Examiner previously took Official Notice as being known in the art. The grounds of rejection have not changed.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 24, 26, 27, 30-32, and 36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Additionally, the Smith reference has only been provided in response to Applicant's allegation that active-matrix displays with cross-overs are not well-known in the art. The Examiner has only provided this reference at Applicant's request for documentation of this fact that the Examiner previously took Official Notice as being known in the art. The grounds of rejection have not changed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeremy C. Norris whose telephone number is (571)272-1932. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jinhee J. Lee can be reached on 571-272-1977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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